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FOR: DIRECT DETECTION OF BACTERIA-ANTIBODY
COMPLEXES VIA UV RESONANCE RAMAN
SPECTROSCOPY

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

- 1 9. (Twice Amended) A method for [the] detecting the presence of a specific
2 microorganism in a sample, said microorganism having a characteristic resonance enhanced
3 Raman backscattered energy spectrum produced by irradiating nucleic acids in said
4 microorganisms at a wavelength between 242-257 nm, comprising:
5 (a) contacting said sample with a medium comprising solid phase
6 immobilized antibodies which specifically bind to a characteristic cell surface antigen on said
7 microorganism to form an antigen-antibody complex, thereby immobilizing said
8 microorganism on said solid phase;
9 (b) irradiating the solid phase of step (a) with a laser light of 242-257 nm to
10 produce a resonance enhanced Raman backscattered energy, said antibodies emitting essentially